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6 " 4 "

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E. W. RUTTER,

Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

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F. DE BOVIS,

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Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG

SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawal may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

F. DE BOVIS,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 764

Intimations.

THE FANCY DRESS BALL.

LADY DES VEUVE'S FANCY DRESS BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE IS UNAVOIDABLY POSTPONED FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th, TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, HONGKONG, JANUARY 9, 1891. 71

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STEAMERS OF THE SUNDA LINE.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ROUTE.

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AMSTERDAM, PORT SAID, SINGAPORE, BA-

TAVIA, SAMARAK, SOUREWA.

HOMeward—OBORABA, SAMARAK, TAWA-

SINGAPORE, PORT SAID, MARSEILLE, AN-

GERMANY.

ARRIVALS IN SINGAPORE, 1891.

LEAVE SINGAPORE ARRIVE MARSEILLE,

MARCH 16th a.m. SALUTIGE FISH, 10th

FEB. 16th a.m. TOWER, 13th

MARCH 16th a.m. LAZARUS APRIL 10th

APRIL 16th a.m. PRICK, MAY 11th

DEPARTURE FROM SINGAPORE 1891.

LEAVE SINGAPORE ARRIVE MARSEILLE,

MARCH 8th a.m. NATALIGA APRIL 3rd

MAY 5th a.m. TOWER, MAY 1st

MAY 9th a.m. LAZARUS JUNE 1st

JUNE 16th a.m. PRICK JULY 1st

ACCOMMODATION FOR PASSENGERS.

The Mail steamers of the SUNDA LINE are

newly built, and are furnished with every

requirement for the comfort of PASSENGERS.

They are fitted with the latest improvements

to meet the requirements of travellers

in the tropics. The whole of the CABINS, including the SALOON, are on deck,

and each vessel has a special upper deck for promenade.

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giving every information required, can be obtained on application of the Agents.

THE SPEED OF THE STEAMERS

has been made equal to that of the leading

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run regularly fortnightly on the following route:

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The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1891. 1612

Business Notices.

SEAGRAVE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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FELT HATS

(WEIGHT 4 OZ.)

WALKING STICKS AND UMBRELLAS.

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NEW SCARFS AND CRAVATS.

MORNING AND EVENING GLOVES.

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CARDIGAN JACKETS (Silk Sleeves).

SADDLERY AND STABLE REQUISITES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1891. 52

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

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(Opposite HONGKONG HOTEL).

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GILT AND SILVER TRIMMINGS

FOR FANCY COSTUMES.

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE, JANUARY 8, 1891. 27

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 19th of January, 1891, at 12.10 o'clock noon, for the purpose of confirming the following Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on Thursday, the 8th of January, 1891:

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
MILLINERY, DRAPERY, FANCY
GOODS, ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY,

the 16th January, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m., sharp, at his Sales-Rooms, Bud-dell Street;

A QUANTITY OF DRAFFERY AND MILLINERY, comprising—

LADY'S UMBRELLAS, PLAIN AND FANCY SILK SUNSHADES, LADY'S AND CHILDREN'S FABRIC COLOMBIAN AND VICTORIAN, LADY'S AND CHILDREN'S CASHMERE HOSE, MEN'S HALF HOSIERY, CHILDREN'S READY MADE TUNICS AND FRONTS, LADY'S STRIPES AND PLAIN SKIRTS, LADY'S BLACK KID GLOVES, BRIGHT SILKS AND LACE, FLOURNCINGS IN NEWEST DESIGN FOR EVENING WEAR OR TEA-GOWNS, LADY'S WATERCROOK, PLUNGE, BANDEE, LACE, CURLES AND COLLARS, GENTS' WHITE SHIRTS, DRILL, ETC.

A QUANTITY OF FANCY GOODS.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

The above will be on view on Wednesday, the 14th Instant, at p.m.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 8, 1891.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
PIANO, ETC., ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 17th January, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 57, Wyndham Street,

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE AND ELEGANT HOUSE-HOLD FURNITURE, MOUTH HALL & HOLZ, Shanghai-made, and comprising—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, UPHOLSTERED IN ROSE AND GOLD SILK TAPESTRY, FANCY CHAINS, MARBLE-YARD TABLES, PICTURES AND ENGRAVINGS, CHIFFONNIER AND MANTLE MIRRORS, BRASS FENDER, CARPETS, LACE CURTAINS, HANDSOME LAMP ON BRASS PEDESTAL, BRASS-FRAMED EMBROIDERED FIRE SCREEN, ETC., ETC.

CATTEGE PIANO, by Otto, quite new. HANDBOME CARVED SIDEBOARD WITH BEVELED GLASS BACK, GILT GLASS STAND, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOROCCO-COVERED CHAIRS, ELECTRO-PLATED, GLASS AND DECORERY WARE, CUTLERY, DINNER WAGON, ETC.

AMERICAN WALNUT BEDSTEAD WITH SPRING AND HAIR MATRESSES, LADY'S WALLBED, WITH BEVELED GLASS MARBLE TOP BUREAU AND DRAWING TABLE, MARBLE-TOP DESK AND SET, BED-ROOM SUITE, BOOKCASE, MANTLE, DRAPERY, ETC., ETC.

HALL FURNITURE AND STATE CARPETING, AMERICAN COOKING RANGE AND COOKING UTENSILS, SHANGHAI BATHE, CANTON FLOWER STAND, ETC., ETC., ETC.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 12, 1891.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION for the Subscription of a Handicap CHALLENGE CUP and RANGE SPOONS will be held on SATURDAY NEXT, the 17th Inst., at 3.30 p.m. Distances—500 and 900 Yards, Ten Shots at each. Position, any. Entrances Free, 30. Conta.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 3 p.m. to take over Competitors.

C. VIVIAN LADDIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESEBRO', LONDON
AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Wordsworth, Captain PHILLIPS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 23d Inst. or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Taking cargo at through rates to ANWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship *Siberia*, Captain L. MADSEN, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, ETC.)

The Steamship *Gulliver*, Capt. SIEGMUND, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Amoy*, Capt. TH. LEHMANN, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 14th Inst., at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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UNION LINE.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Worcestor*, Capt. PHILLIPS, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Taiwan*, Captain JAO-SOO, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Kokin*, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 16th Instant, at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFIELD & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Priam*, Captain WILDING, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIBRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Guy Manning*, Captain FORD, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, &c.

PURE WINES.

We beg to invite careful attention to the following selection from our Wine List, for we have succeeded in combining purity and excellence of quality with moderate prices.

SHERRY.

per case per bottle
VINO GENEROSO.—a generous round wine, green seal \$6.00 \$6.60

VINO DE PASTO.—a medium dry wine with delicate flavour, red seal \$10.00 \$11.00

AMONTILLADO.—a high class natural wine for connoisseurs of Sherry, yellow seal \$12.00 \$14.00

DELICIOSO.—the very best sherry procurable, 6 years in bottle \$14.00 \$15.25

PORT.—Superior quality \$10.00 \$11.00

Old Port, gold seal \$12.00 \$14.00

Old Tawny, soft and mellow black seal \$14.00 \$15.25

Special selected old wine \$20.00 \$21.75

BURGUNDY.—full-bodied Red Burgundy with strengthening properties \$14.00 \$15.25

LEMOINE.—VIN BRUT CUVEE ROYALE As Supplied regularly to the Prince of Wales, House of Commons, and the chief clubs in London &c. \$22.00 \$22.00

WEIZ.—well matured, specially selected dry wine \$18.00 \$18.75

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The Emperor of Japan has sanctioned the Bill passed by the Diet for the opening of additional harbours for export purposes, and has also announced that Kuchiro will be among the nobles.

The Netherlands India Government, it is said, have not given up the idea of gaining over the titular Sultan of Aceh, and an embassy to his court with a view to opening further negotiations is under consideration.

In Banks, tin mining by machinery has turned out a failure after the usual ups and thousands of guilders had been spent on the experiment. Fresh machinery of larger power has been ordered from Britain.

A Burmese missionary society is said, backed by the British Government, to have applied to the Dutch Government for permission to labour among a tribe in Netherlands New Guinea close to the frontier line with the British portion of the island.

We hear that the effort of the Shanghai Customs Board to liven a black-mail of 4 per cent on all imported opium, under the guise of a "protective duty," the so-called taming fee for the North, has been abandoned. The attempt thus to increase the taka fixed by treaty is one of the most impudent we have heard of for a long time.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The Netherlands India Government expect to secure Chinese coolies for the mining in Banks next year at premiums of from thirty to forty dollars each, but new labourers of this kind will be charged 35 guilders each for cost of passage. To admit of accurate reckoning with the coolies in wages, the Netherlands Consul General at Singapore has been instructed at every postal opportunity to inform the Bank of Banks how the value of the dollar stands at Singapore.

BUSINESS AT HANKOW has been for some time past in a most depressed condition and money has been so tight that notes have largely taken the place of silver and cash. Much evil has necessarily resulted. When the telegram announcing the burning of the Shanghai arrived there was great excitement among the consignees. Many were the messages sent to Shanghai by wire making inquiries. Now it is rumoured that several banks, big and small, silk firms and general stores have closed, or failed, or suspended payment for a long time. Many are holding on bravely and there is no means of ascertaining their financial condition till the general settlement at the end of the Chinese year.

The Peking correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* writes:—The Emperor has just received in Peking the two inc-houts, or cut vessels, made in Germany at a cost of Rs. 5,000 each. The one the writer saw has the body of a small couch, made for only one occupant, and set on steel rollers, terminating in front in a large, erect brass dragon which glares upon it in his presence. Inside, the couch is lined with yellow silk and is provided with a watch fixed in its place, a mirror, and sockets in which may be placed articles for use and comfort. By a slight movement of the foot a hinged bell can be struck which will bring the animals (men) drawing the pha-thing to a standstill. Upon the four corners are fastened brass dragons, with yellow silk tassels suspended from their mouths. The body of the vehicle is painted a bright red and the trappings are in yellow. Under specially favourable circumstances, with very strong iron not covered with dust, as Peking is always, we can conceive that His Majesty could take pleasure in this costly toy.

The following Imperial decree appears in the *Shanghai*:—On the 14th of the 11th moon I reverently hold a Decree issued by the Empress Dowager, Let Her Imperial Highness Li Shin-to, act and tell that the Emperor is offering incense at the Middle Hall on the 7th, 9th and 18th days of the 12th moon. The ceremonies of worshipping duties in the Kuan-Palace are to be performed as usual. On the 8th day of the Emperor in the sixth moon of the next year all the customary ceremonies are to be performed, there will be no music, though the instruments will be arranged and set in order, and they will be no play-acting on the occasion. Respect this!—An Imperial Decree was issued on the 28th of the 11th moon. The Ministers, officials, and people are not to wear mourning for Prince Chün. All business is to be transacted as usual. No incensaries expressing condolence need be presented and for the space of one year no congratulatory memorials should be forwarded to the Emperor. Respect this!

On the 11th day of the 11th moon (the Chinese winter solstice), His Imperial Chinese Majesty offered the annual sacrifice at the Temple of Heaven. Three days before the event an Imperial Edict was promulgated appointing Princes and Ministers to participate in the sacrifice, and to fast. The Emperor sat in the Tai-ho palace on the 9th and pursued the prayers prepared for the occasion. At 10 o'clock on the morning of the 10th, wearing the Imperial garments and hat, the Emperor started from the Chong-tei palace, in the palace gardens, and stepped into his chair, which was carried by sixiers guardsmen dressed in red satin uniforms. Passing through the Te-hung-chou, Si-yen, and Hsi-gate the Imperial procession arrived at Wu-men (the main gate). Here a crowd of Princes and Ministers in full court costumes, who were not to accompany the Emperor, knelt to receive him; and afterwards the procession passed on to the Temple of Heaven. First came a guard of honour, who advanced with whips and then the banner-bearers. Behind them rode the captain and officers of the Imperial Guard to the number of two hundred and more. Immediately following was an enormous elephant carrying the sacred vase, surrounded by spearmen, bowmen and swordsmen. Three large banners with a troop of cavalry equipped with swords, bows and arrows appeared next, and then walking in measured pace were eight splendid fine-looking horses decked with gold saddles, jade stirrups and yellow silken reins, a groom holding each by the bridle. Following these were golden incense burners smoking with fragrance. The Imperial chariot was then seen, preceded by a large umbrella of yellow satin embroidered with nine dragons sporting in the clouds, the umbrella having a curved handle. On each side of the chair several Ministers wearing buttons of precious stones, embroidered garments, and swords, rode on horse-back. The streets were lined with troops. Five camps of soldiers, comprising Bannermen, Mongols and Chinese were stationed about the Temple of Heaven. When the Emperor arrived he entered the Palace of Fasting, changed his dress, dined, and passed the night. At 4 o'clock on the morning of the 11th day the Emperor rode in an uncovered chair carried by eight men to the sacrificial grounds. After the usual ceremonies he offered incense at the Palace of the Sun. Then he put on the dragon robe and made the return journey. He entered the Tien-yang gate, burns incense to the God of War, and reached the Palace gardens by way of Tien-kang gate. He then offered congratulations to the Empress Dowager.

The *Panang Gazette* lays stress on the importance of that port as trade centre for Panang and points out that the important mining districts of Itam, Pandan, and Jelai are very much nearer Panang than Singapore. A glance at the map shows how very near they lie to the borders of Penang at its south-western part. It is said that the distance between Tapah, the point to which the projected King's Valley railway for which tenders are now invited is at present to run, and the Pebang boundary at Sikim is not more than 29 miles, eight of which are at present covered by a cart-road, the rest being bridge-path. This is the quickest route to Jelai in Panang.

A RETURNED traveller from Kuangsi Province tells of a strange fish found in the Kweilin river of that province. The fish is black in colour, has four feet and walks like a quadruped. The natives call it dog fish from its similarity to that animal. When quiet reigns late at night the fish creeps out of water and climbs to the top of trees in search of birds and eggs which seem to be its favourite food. It is said that the fish also inhales the rays of the moon and regulates and trains its breathing powers so that its agility and cunning exceed anything in this air, on earth, or in water. To capture it, it is necessary to keep very quiet, spread a net under the tree up which the fish will climb and fall and when it descends fold over the net, otherwise no bullet or arrow or line and hook will take it. As the natives believe it an infallible cure in consumption or other diseases of general debility, it is much sought for. A certain Canton merchant bought a few to present to his friends while the servant was carrying them, he accidentally fell and had his finger badly bitten. A short time afterwards the servant stole from his master and ran away. Then the natives claim the fish possessed a prophetic knowledge of coming events and gave the master warning by biting the servant!—*Huzo*.

News by last night's mail, says the *Straits Times*, bring out the fact that H.I.H. the Désarceau, Her Apparatus of all the Russias, is expected to arrive in Singapore in March next in the Russian warship *Pomiel Azov*, accompanied by his brother the Grand Duke George and suite, and the Russian warships *Vladimir Monomach*, *Admiral Koroleff*, and the flagship *Mondovar*. Prior to this the time of entry of the Russian Admiral will arrive and proceed to Batavia, where he will meet the Désarceau, who goes from Colombo to that port. The two ships will then proceed direct to Singapore. These ships are the cream of the Russian navy; speaking of the *Pomiel Azov*, *The World* says:—The Russian cruiser *Pomiel Azov*, in which the Désarceau and the Grand Duke George are about to proceed to India, China, and Japan, excited the hearty admiration of all the experts who inspected her when she was lying in Plymouth Sound. She has every conceivable improvement, and all in the most admirable order. The *Pomiel Azov* was built in England and steams eighteen knots an hour. The regulations regarding the admission of war-ships to Singapore will be relaxed so far as affects the ships attending the Cesarevitch.

In the Shantung district of the Kuangting province lived a man named Ho, who was formerly a fisherman and changed his occupation to farming. By dint of toil and economy he acquired some money and property. Late he received seven letters in succession from gang of pirates asking for money. The request was not complied with. Ho knowing that the black-mailers would never be satisfied. Preparations, however, were made to give the pirates a warm reception in case they attempted to carry out their threats. For a long time nothing occurred to give any anxiety, and vigilance relaxed. One night the pirates suddenly appeared. They who were known to be the leaders held in the hand a large flag on which were written the words "Hall of Harmony and Righteousness." Behind them marched in good order fifty men, firing off guns along the road. The villagers and garrisons, though very loud in their talk, were completely cowed. The pirates plundered every house in the village, and in revenge for the want of attention to their written demands they commenced to set the houses on fire before taking their final departure. When the villagers got over their fright and put out the fires, they found everything portable gone, and that twenty-three houses and twenty-five coconuts sheds had been burnt down. The case was reported to the Magistrate, but no trace could be found of the marauders. The people again settled down to their occupation, but ten days after the event another note was delivered to the now thoroughly frightened villagers, demanding a large sum of money which was to be handed over to a certain shop. The signature to the note was "Hall of Grand Righteousness." Ho was driven to desperation and started for Canton. He informed the Prefect of the danger the villagers were placed in, and a guard of soldiers was sent to the place to afford the people protection. Shantung is a large town not very far from Canton.—*Huzo*.

TRANSLATIONS of several inscriptions engraved upon some of the many tables with which the city of Nanking is adorned, have been made. One of these was the speech delivered by the Emperor K'ang-hü during his visit to Nanking in which he reproved the citizens for their extravagance and love of display and exhorted them to economy. The exhortation has been very carefully preserved on a tablet in the Drum Tower, but otherwise does not seem to have produced much effect. The translation was furnished by the Rev. Mr. Meige. Dr. MacLean's translation of the inscription which the Emperor addressed to the citizens of Nanking is as follows:—

The Green Island Cement Company which was incorporated with such a hopeful prospectus does not appear to be in a good way. The promoter of the Company said at a meeting that the cost of production would be \$2 per barrel. Confiding in this assertion many people bought shares. The whole concern, which had cost the original company nearly \$250,000 was taken over by a new company for \$50,000. The new shareholders thought the price to the former, to begin with, was \$250,000!!! The new shareholders thought the works were complete and would be able to produce cement immediately. But great was their deception when they found that much money was being spent in the construction of houses &c.; that in respect to the production of cement, the furnace was declared unsuitable and it was necessary to make other arrangements. This is what the writer of the letter says:—

According to him the manager ought to pay out of our own pocket the \$300,000 and the shareholders would pay their calls after that. The business was yielding good profit. These facts taken were necessary in order that it might be known before the meeting in February what sum might be counted on for carrying on the business of the company. In February, what sum might be paid to the new shareholders, which the writer of the letter says:—

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